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## IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT PUDUCHERRY

Present: Dr. S.B. DEEPAK KUMAR, I.A.S.,
District Magistrate, Puducherry.

M.C. No. 32, dated 4-12-2012

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr. P.C., 1973

Whereas, the State Election Commission, Puducherry has announced, on 3-12-2012, that Civic election for the Local Bodies of Puducherry Union Territory will be held in three phases on 4-1-2013, 8-1-2013 and 10-1-2013 and soon after the announcement of the election schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has came into force with immediate effect;

And whereas, the State Election Commission, Puducherry, issued instructions that District Magistrate, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licensed arms holders, so that licensed arms in those cases, where they consider it essential are impounded in order to ensure maintenance of Law and Order so essential for ensuring free and fair elections;

And whereas, it appears to me that carrying of fire arms, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis and other weapons by the public during the election period, is likely to lead to a breach of peace threat to peaceful conduct of civic elections in the District of Puducherry comprising of Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions or part thereof;

And whereas, in my opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, to prohibit the action mentioned in para (3), which may be detrimental to public peace and tranquility and may pose threat to peaceful conduct of free and fair elections;

And whereas, all the Station House Officers, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licence holders and all the arms licence holders shall deposit their weapons with the nearest Police Station immediately and in case, if the individual licence holder fails to deposit their arms the Station House Officer shall impound it. The Station House Officer shall furnish a detailed report on such deposit and seizure;

And whereas, this ban shall not be applicable to those communities, who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage and also to those nationalised/private bank, where arms necessary to safeguard cash chest. However, individual exemption order shall have to be obtained immediately;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry, do hereby prohibit possession and carrying of fire arms of any kind, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis, stones and other weapons by the general public in the District of Puducherry with immediate effect.

Dated, the 4th day of December 2012.

Dr. S.B. DEEPAK KUMAR, I.A.S., District Magistrate.